



City of Westminster

NEWS AND NOTES

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LETTER FROM THE MAYOR



Dear Residents:

The City of Westminster conducted a biennial municipal election on May 9 and Dr. Robert Wack was re-elected to a second term on the Westminster Common Council. Two new Council Members were also elected: Dennis Frazier and Paul Whitson.

Dennis Frazier works for the Carroll County Public School System as a teacher and wrestling coach. He is an Iron Man World Wrestling Champion and lives in the Furnace Hills area.

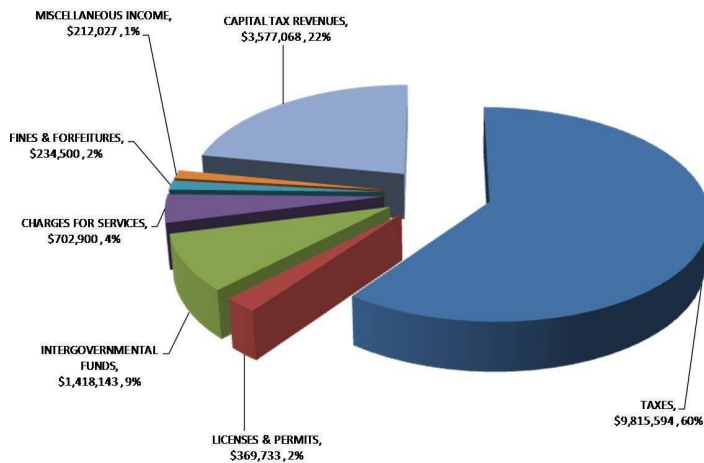
Paul Whitson graduated from South Carroll High School in 1974 and worked as a music teacher until 1987. He has been self-employed teaching music lessons since that time. He is a member of Grace Lutheran Church in Westminster.

We welcome Dr. Wack's return to the Council and greet the two newest members as we continue to work on the challenges presented by the national and state economies, the increased environmental standards for water, sewer and storm water and the impact of increasing costs for supplies and equipment.

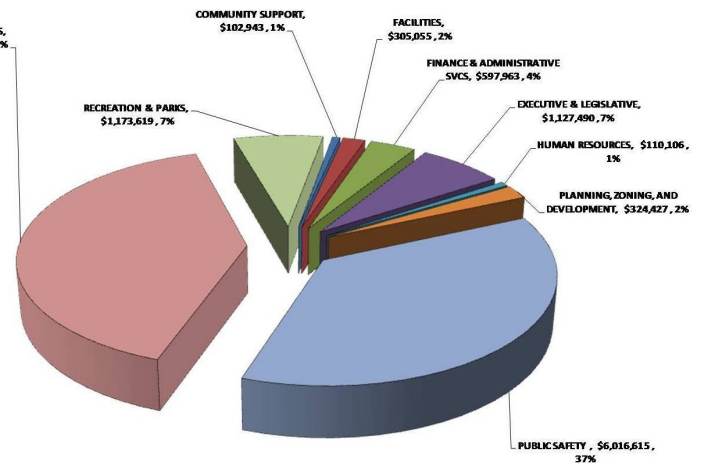
FY 2012 BUDGET

We have passed the FY2012 Budget with no change in the tax rate or water/sewer charges. The charts below indicate the projected revenues and expenditures in the General fund.

Revenues



Expenditures



PRIORITY CAPITAL PROJECTS

The Green Street and Fitzhugh Avenue storm drain projects have been completed at a cost of \$658,000; a contract for the Clifton Avenue storm drain project is pending and \$361,000 is budgeted for that project.

C. J. Miller received the contract for street overlay and paving and work has been completed on Bond Street, Sullivan Avenue and Old New Windsor Road at a cost of \$1.4 million. In addition, two dump trucks have been purchased. Competitive bids have been received for a voice-over-Internet telephone system and a bidder will be selected in early June.

The capital projects for FY2012 will include an additional \$1.4M for street overlay and paving and additional vehicles for the Streets Department and the Police Department. Also included in the 2012 CIP are much needed repairs to City Hall including repairing the roof, replacing the porch and replacing the windows.

ELECTRONIC PAYMENT SYSTEM

Beginning July 1, 2011, you will be able to pay your water and sewer bills over the Internet. Watch our web page at www.westminstermd.gov for instructions.

Sincerely,

Mayor

Carroll Arts Center Events

Friday, June 17, 7:30pm: FLICC has chosen "The Runaways," 2010, Rated R, 106 minutes. The movie stars Kristen Stewart, Dakota Fanning and Michael Shannon. It chronicles the formation of The Runaways, an all-girl teenage rock band based in Hollywood in the 1970s. Their unexpected success in the U.S. as well as Japan, catapults them into the first all-girl rock band to fill a sports arena. Stewart's portrayal of Joan Jett is outstanding. Tickets are \$6 for Adults and \$5 for CCAC Members, Students and Seniors 60+.

Thursday, June 30 at 10:30 am & 1 pm: Back by popular demand will be Dave Thomen of D's Magic for two summer shows on. This is a great show for families as well as daycare groups and summer campers. Thomen is an accomplished magician whose show combines comedy and magic; illusions choreographed to lively music. He inspires playful audience participation and interaction. His innovative routines and classic magic will fascinate audience members of all ages. Thomen recently received the "Stars of Magic" award from the historic National Theatre in Washington, D.C.



Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$3 for CCAC Members, Students Under 18 and Seniors 60+.

Saturday, July 9, 7:30pm: "Three Jolly Coachmen," a Williamsburg, Virginia-based Kingston Trio Tribute group. Remember that lively, infectious, upbeat sound of the Kingston Trio when they brought American folk music squarely into mainstream popular music in the late 1950's and early 1960's? You'll relive it and love it all over again when you hear this group. They lovingly recreate tunes such as "Greenback Dollar" and "Tom Doo-ley" with amazing accuracy and authenticity.



Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$17 for CCAC Members, Students Under 18 and Seniors 60+.

Thursday, July 21 at 10:30 am and 1 pm: "The Milkshake Duo". This special duo features Lisa Mathews and Mikel Gehl of the Milkshake Band. In Milkshake's seven years together, the band has released three award-winning CDs, received a Parents' Choice Silver Award for their DVD "Screen Play," and they have had music videos on Noggin, PBS KIDS and Discovery Kids' Emmy-winning "ToddWorld." "Great Day" is Milkshake's fourth CD for kids and kids at heart. It was nominated for a Grammy for "Best Musical Recording for Children" in 2010. In keeping with the band's desire to grow with their own children, the songs on "Great Day" touch on issues of friendship, age, self-esteem, goals and ambitions among other things---things that matter to 6-10 year olds! Their music transcends age, and both younger and older fans will enjoy the music.

Tickets are \$9 for adults and \$7 for CCAC Members, Students Under 18 and Seniors 60+.



Carroll Arts Center Gallery

April 21—June 3: "Open Vistas" featuring work by artists who paint en plein air, meaning "on location," on view in the Tevis Gallery. Gallery hours are 10 am to 4 pm Monday through Saturday and 10 am to 8 pm on Thursdays. Admission is free.

The French Impressionist group gave rise to the art of painting out of doors. They took to the streets, county side of Paris and banks of the River Seine to paint landscapes, seascapes and the life of the French bourgeoisie. This painting technique requires great skill and speed to capture the effects of light on nature. No easy task, since nature is constantly moving. The sun darts in and out of clouds, the breezes blow, trees and plants sway.

Enjoy a fresh look at townscapes, landscapes and seascapes during this welcome to spring exhibit. Many of these artists are well known in the plein air circuits of their cities and states.

Artists include: Kathi Danish, Westminster, MD; Michael Bare and Joanne Bare, Monkton, MD; Eberhard Froelich, Ellicott City, MD; Mary Pritchard, Chestertown, MD; Sam Robinson, Owings Mills; John Brandon Sills, Cockeysville, MD; Jeanean Songco Martin, Damascus, MD; Colleen Vandeventer, North Attleboro, MA; Meg West, Crozet, VA; Karen Wood, Easton MD.

A meet the artists' reception will be held on Thursday April 21 from 5:30 to 7:30 pm. Susan Williamson, Visual Arts Coordinator, will present a free gallery talk on this exhibit on Thursday May 12 at noon and 7 pm.

Free Summer Movies!

Back by popular demand will be the free family movies hosted at the Carroll Arts Center in downtown Westminster. Every Tuesday evening, beginning at 7pm, a family-friendly movie will be screened. No advance tickets distributed. Seating is on a first-come, first served basis. Doors will open at 6:30pm.

The schedule is as follows:

June 28 The Princess Bride Rated PG; 98 mins; 1987	July 26 The Muppet Movie Rated G; 94 minutes; 1979
July 5 How to Train your Dragon Rated PG; 98 mins; 2010	August 2 The Secret of Nimh Rated PG; 82 mins; 1982
July 12 Lassie Rated PG; 92 mins; 1994	August 9 Back to the Future Rated PG; 115 mins; 1985
July 19 Ella Enchanted Rated PG; 95 mins; 2003	

Recreation and Parks Department Events: June

3 on 3 Basketball

Starts June 20th with five weeks of fundamentals and drills and five weeks of games. The league is for boys and girls ages 5-9 and 10-13. Fundamentals and games will take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:30-8pm at Jaycee Park. Go to www.hoopeducation.com/carroll_county or email shane@hoopeducation.com.



June 25-26

Corbit's Charge Civil War Commemoration and Encampment

FREE Admission. Activities include: Civil War Living History Encampment, Ceremony at Corbit's Charge Monument, guided tours of battle site, Civil War era musical concerts, period

artisans performing their craft, period children events & games and view the daily lives of soldiers and civilians of the time period. Saturday 10am-9pm and Sunday 10am-4pm. For more information www.pccwrt.org or call 410-848-9161.

A Month of Sundays Concerts Series

A Month of Sundays Concert Series -Voted Carroll's Best Place to Listen to Music! Held every Sunday in July, this free concert series celebrates the wonderful outdoors in the summer in the City. It is located in Westminster City Park, beginning at 6:45pm.

Schedule is as follows:

July 3:	Jay Henley
July 10:	King Teddy
July 17:	The Rockersons
July 24:	Big Cam & the Lifters
July 31:	The Majestics

The concert series is presented in joint cooperation with the Westminster City Recreation and Parks Department, Carroll County Department of Recreation & Parks, and Human Services Programs of Carroll County Inc. Food and beverages are for sale.

Donations of personal care items for all ages: baby food, diapers, formula, paper goods or cleaning supplies will be collected to benefit the Human Services Programs of Carroll County, Inc.

Summer Camps Available

Summer Day Camps: \$115/week, June 20—August 26, Monday—Friday from 9am—4pm Day camp is held at the Longwell Municipal Center and is designed for children 6-12 years. Campers will have loads of fun playing games and sports, making crafts, going on field trips and swimming at the Westminster Municipal Pool. Each Camper will receive a Camp T-shirt and Water Bottle each week they are registered! AM and PM care is also available at an additional charge.

Tot Camp: Offering 8 weeks! \$60/week, June 21-August 13, Monday—Friday from 9-11:30am Tot Camp is held at the Community Building at the Westminster Municipal Pool and is designed for children ages 3-5 (must be potty trained).

A \$20.00 NON-REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT IS DUE AT TIME OF REGISTRATION FOR EACH CHILD AND SESSION THAT IS ENROLLED.

Westminster Municipal Pool

Memorial Day-Labor Day, 325 Royer Road
Open to the public

2011 Member Fees

City Residents: \$200/Family membership
\$128/Individual membership
County Residents: \$260/Family membership
\$146/Individual membership
Gate Fees: \$7.00 or Punch Cards: \$50 for 10 visits

Pool Hours

Daily 12 noon to 7pm
T, W, F – Adult Lap Swim 7-8pm
T & TH – Water Aerobics (August only) 7-8pm

Swim Lesson Registration

Sign up for the Stingrays Learn to Swim Program.
\$45 per child
Beginner, Intermediate and Advanced classes available.
Registration: May 18th & June 1st 5:30-7:30
at the Community Building at the pool.
Parent or Legal Guardian must complete registration in person.

Contact Sarah Bratman, Swim Lesson Coordinator,
wstswimlessons@gmail.com
Join the Westminster Stingrays Competitive Swim Team!
For more information go to www.westminsterswimteam.com